

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of)	Case No. 14-1654-GA-CSS
Orwell Natural Gas Company,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
Orwell-Trumbull Pipeline)	Case No. 15-637-GA-CSS
Company, LLC,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory.
- (2) Orwell Natural Gas Company (Orwell Gas or Complainant) and Orwell-Trumbull Pipeline Company, LLC (Orwell-Trumbull Pipeline or Respondent) are public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and 4905.03, and are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (3) On September 19, 2014, and March 31, 2015, Orwell Gas filed complaints in Case No. 14-1654-GA-CSS (14-1654) and Case No. 15-637-GA-CSS (15-637), respectively, against Orwell-Trumbull Pipeline, pursuant to R.C. 4905.26 and 4929.24. In 14-1654, Complainant alleged that Respondent was threatening to shutoff the transportation of gas to Orwell Gas because Respondent claimed Orwell Gas had failed to pay invoices for service. In 15-637, Complainant states that it entered into a contractual agreement with Respondent that is currently detrimental to rate payers within its system and Respondent should be under a standard tariff rate for transportation services.

Complainant claims that it has attempted negotiations to set a new rate adjustment without success.

- (4) Respondent filed answers to both complaints denying the material allegations set forth.
- (5) On July 9, 2015, a settlement conference was conducted in the above-captioned cases; however, the parties were unable to resolve the issues. By Entry of August 5, 2015, a hearing was scheduled for September 28, 2015, and the parties were directed to file expert and non-expert testimony by September 21, 2015.
- (6) On September 10, 2015, the parties filed a joint motion to continue the hearing from September 28, 2015, to November 3, 2015. The parties also requested that the date to file expert and non-expert testimony be rescheduled from September 21, 2015, to October 27, 2015.
- (7) The attorney examiner finds good cause to grant the motion. Accordingly, the September 28, 2015 hearing should be rescheduled to November 3, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, 11th Floor, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (8) Any party intending to present direct expert or non-expert testimony should file such testimony and serve a copy of such testimony on all other parties by October 27, 2015.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the joint motion to continue the hearing be granted and the September 28, 2015 hearing be rescheduled to November 3, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

ORDERED, That any party intending to present direct expert or non-expert testimony should file such testimony and serve a copy of such testimony on all other parties by October 27, 2015. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Scott E. Farkas

By: Scott E. Farkas
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that the joint motion to continue the hearing be granted and the September 28, 2015 hearing be rescheduled to November 3, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; and that any party intending to present direct expert or non-expert testimony should file such testimony and serve a copy of such testimony on all other parties by October 27, 2015;
electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Scott E. Farkas, Attorney Examiner.